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Lieutenant General Richard D. Lawrence, USA President, National Defense University Washington, D.C. 20319

Dear General Lawrence:

We very much appreciate the opportunity you extended in your letter of 25 April to suggest topics suitable for research at the National Defense University. We always have far more ideas for fruitful research than our own employees can complete, and we will be delighted to take advantage of your new focus on policy support. Miss Helene Boatner, whom you know, is organizing the responses at this end and she will be in touch with Mr. Despres and Colonel Endicott. Should they need to reach her, her telephone number is

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Sincerely,

7s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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Helene:

The DDI would like your office to take the necessary action on this request. Also please prepare acknowledgement for the DCI's signature along with a note from the DDI explaining the package. Please note the deadline of 8 May.

Thanks,

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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

Office of the President

APR 25 1984

Honorable William J. Casey Director Central Intelligence Agency Washingon, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

Since my arrival at the National Defense University (NDU) in October, I have been very impressed with the quality of its faculty, staff, and students. Many of them are nationally recognized authorities in their areas of expertise.

We have begun to reorient the University's research efforts toward utilizing this expertise in support of the policy-making community. We have most recently created a new Institute for National Strategic Studies (INSS) to foster such policy-oriented work at NDU. While students at the National War College and Industrial College of the Armed Forces must fulfill a research requirement, their selection of topics is a matter of personal choice. Nevertheless, I believe that as many of these student projects as possible should examine currently important national security issues and directly assist officials who formulate and execute foreign and defense policies.

Towards that end, the University would like to learn what longer-term research topics most interest you and your staff. I invite you to contact the Institute for National Strategic Studies at (202) 693-1384, which is directed by Mr. John Despres and his deputy, Colonel John Endicott. For each topic, please provide a point of contact in your agency and an indication of the time frame during which research on this topic would be of use to you.

They will canvass incoming students this summer to determine how well we can match your topics with student expertise and interests. In addition to orienting and monitoring student research, they will also take your interests into consideration in managing the research and study efforts of the full-time fellows of the Institute, including both the Strategic and Mobilization Concepts Development Centers, and the Research and Publications Directorate.

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The University is committed to producing studies that illuminate important National Security issues for senior policy-makers. We look forward to your cooperation and involvement in this process, and we welcome possible face-to-face exchanges between members of INSS and your staff concerning topics of mutual interest.

Respectfully,

Richard U. Lawrence

Lieutenant General, U.S. Army

President